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Chief Executive Officer

May 20, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: TRANSIT SERVICES FOR
UNINCORPORATED RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN
MOUNTAINS EDUCATION PROGRAM
BY MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVANCY AUTHORITY
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding to transport residents of unincorporated County areas to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley parklands.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this transit service for the Mountains Education Program is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the continuation of the Mountains Education Program to transport residents of unincorporated County areas to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley parklands as part of the County of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposition A Local Return Transit Program. The estimated cost of the Mountains Education Program is \$24,850.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and execute a cooperative financial agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority to provide for service to transport residents of unincorporated County areas to parklands.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the continuation of transit services for residents of unincorporated county areas who have limited access to parklands to participate in the Mountains Education Program (Program) of the Mountains Recreation and Conservancy Authority (MRCA).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). This Program provides services to the public in a responsive manner and allows our residents who have no other means of transportation to visit and enjoy parklands. This Program is a partnership with MRCA, which enables the County of Los Angeles (County) to provide these services in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost to provide this service for Fiscal Year 2008-09 is \$24,850. The cost will be allocated to each Supervisorial District (District) based on actual trips from each District. The following estimated shares were determined based on the anticipated usage of this service by the residents of each District.

Supervisorial District 1	\$ 3,150
Supervisorial District 2	\$ 7,500
Supervisorial District 3	\$ 1,700
Supervisorial District 4	\$ 2,500
Supervisorial District 5	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$24,850

The necessary funds are available in each District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1988, your Board has approved the use of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to support the Mountains Education Program. These funds are used to provide community center groups, senior citizen groups, persons with disabilities, camps, schools, and family and church groups from unincorporated areas of the County with transportation to the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley parklands.

The majority of the participants are low income, disadvantaged, or have limited access to transportation. This Program continues to be an effective means for transporting groups of unincorporated County residents who would not otherwise have access to the above-mentioned areas. Because of the benefit to residents of the unincorporated County areas, we recommend continuation of the Program for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

The Program will cover a one-year period that will begin on July 1, 2008, and end on June 30, 2009. The cooperative financial agreement will contain applicable terms and conditions supporting the following Board sponsored policies: Insurance, Compliance with Applicable Laws, Termination for Improper Consideration, Warranty Against Contingency Fees, and Independent Contractor Status. Because this Program is to help fund the MRCA transportation service, which is not a County service, your Board's sponsored policies such as the Jury Service Program and Baby Safe Surrender Program will not be included in the cooperative financial agreement.

The cooperative financial agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The MRCA contracts with private transit service providers for service through a competitive process. The County's share of the cost of the service will be based on the actual cost of service provided to residents from unincorporated County areas.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Program will provide a valuable service for the residents who live in unincorporated areas. The goal of this Program is to reach as many people as possible, both children and adults alike, so that they can experience and learn about the natural parklands located in the Santa Monica Mountains and Rim of the Valley areas.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

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Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Department of Public Works (Administrative Services)